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The Human Skyscraper

He is One Player Whom None of the Fans Ever "Crab" At

Slim Nelson's head extends higher in the air than that of any other ball player in the Pacific coast league, and if he trained like Bat Nelson trains there is no question that he could make the feather weight limit any time he wanted to start. But he's a pitcher, not a boxer, so he don't have to weigh in.

Unlike most of the tossers on the Oakland team, Slim is a native product. Up to three years ago he had never broken away from the wilds of East Oakland, where he was born, and where he used to throw rocks at lamp posts and Chinese washhouse. This is how he used to practice control when he was a kid, and he never lost the knack either.

Lou Schroder, who used to run the Alameda state league some three or four years ago, is the discoverer of the elongated slabster. He picked him out of a gang that was tossing rocks at a Chinese laundry one afternoon. Schroder noticed that the tall, Swedish American youth broke more windows in less time than any of the others. He immediately came to the conclusion that he would grab this kid and make a pitcher out of him. All he had to do was to offer Slim the job. The rest was easy.

In the first year with the state league the human sky scraper was a go. He liked to pitch, and he soon developed a line of curves that made all the opposing bushers worry. He pitched ball just like he pitched rocks at the oriental washing and ironing establishments. His control was great, and he generally hit the bullseye.

After a year and a half in the state league Slim's fame began to spread. It spread so rapidly and covered so much ground that they soon heard about him over in Oakland. They heard so much about him that one day Pa Van Hultren, who was then driving the Oakland band wagon, took a run over to Alameda to watch Slim work. He watched the long fellow for about three innings. Then he gave him a job.

This, in brief, is the story of how Slim introduced himself to fame. He became a big leaguer just as soon as he and Van Hultren had exchanged a few words. Van took him over to Oakland and had him measured for a special uniform. This was necessary, otherwise they would have slipped him one of the castoffs. However, one peek at Slim convinced Van that he would have to contract for a special suit for the new slabster.

Oakland evidently looks good to Nelson, for he has never strayed away from the transbay team. This is his third season and he seems to like it better now than the first day he joined the team. He knows everybody in Oakland and they all know him. He has no enemy in all the world. They never roast Slim like they do the other pitchers, because they know that it will not do the slightest good in the world.

Slim never took himself seriously, and therefore he can not make up his mind to take anybody or anything else seriously. He just goes on his way, kidding along and getting by. If he loses a game, it's all right, and if he wins one, well, it's a little better. But he never fumes or rages or goes into raptures over anything, not even when he makes

Tourist Came To In Heaven

An Ulcerated Tooth Caused Visiting Victim to Mistake Honolulu.

One of the passengers on the memorable S. S. Cleveland cruise around the world has written J. A. McCandless concerning his impressions of the cruise and particularly of his visit to Honolulu. He leads up to his impressions of this city in a manner which indicates that he was truly pleased with Honolulu, its beautiful setting and future prospects. He then goes on to tell of the impressions of a fellow passenger, who suffered intensely from an ulcerated tooth.

For three days before the Cleveland arrived here the passenger had run the gamut of pains and aches. Mr. McCandless' correspondent, who is a physician, did everything he could to alleviate the fellow passenger's pain, and on arrival in Honolulu he hurried the man to a dentist's office. He was immediately put under an anaesthetic, and the offending tooth withdrawn. The man was dazed, doped or knocked out for nearly five hours afterward, and when he came to it was in a bed in the hotel.

It was dark. A balmy breeze swept his cheek, and his nostrils quivered as the fragrance of beautiful tropical flowers wafted in from somewhere. His eyes beheld a wonderful star studded sky and a crescent moon seemed to have been fixed in the heavens. From somewhere came ear-haunting notes of music, a grand requiem. His senses, yet dulled by the anaesthetic, yielded to the wonders about him, and while his eye took in dimly the sky and fragrance of sweet scented blossoms and his ears were pleasantly assailed by music, he wondered where he was. Ah, yes, he knew. He had been at sea, and he must have been a victim of a wreck and had been drowned—ah, yes, now he knew. He was in heaven.

And the promotion committee agrees with him that Honolulu is closer to heaven than almost any other tourist resort in the world.

a home run, and it is a matter of public record that he has made two since he linked himself to organized baseball, some two and half years ago.

Many of the players believe that this quaint southpaw would have found his way back to one of the big organizations ere this if he only took life and baseball a little more seriously. But such a thing seems impossible for Slim. He's against all the serious stuff either on or off the diamond. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why the fans all over the circuit like him so much. Anyhow you never hear them calling him a "bone head" or a "rubber skull" or a "busher," or anything like that.

It is the general belief that Nelson is a sort of fixture with the Oakland club. Players come and go every year, but Slim still holds on. And so long as he pitches good baseball he's bound to be a hit with the fans. Occasionally they bat him out of the box just as they do the other pitchers, but then Slim does not worry and he never gets sore when the relief man comes along to take his job.

Come to the sale of the Woman's Guild tonight. Everything you want for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Don't fail to come and see.

Trouble in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 17.—Agents of President Diaz have unearthed a most far reaching plot against his power and government. The revolutionary movement was directed from the American side of the border. There was to have been an uprising simultaneously in twelve Mexican States. Arms and ammunition had been stored in great quantities in convenient localities. It is believed the leaders are the revolutionists recently captured in Los Angeles.

ROCK SPRINGS, Nov. 16.—The report that Mexicans had invaded the State of Texas turns out to be a myth.

HONOLULU, Nov. 16.—Private advices from Funchal state that emigrants are applying in large numbers to Agent Campbell for transportation.

The Planters listened to more reports here yesterday. It is probable they will enlarge the experiment work.

Veiled attacks are being made upon Consul Canavatto, and there may be a new Portuguese consul in Honolulu shortly.

The Elks want President Taft to touch the button which will set in motion their carnival on Washington's birthday.

George Davis will defend Joseph Liddy, who is charged with murder at San Francisco.

George R. Carter was instrumental in stopping the appointment of a negro to take Drake's place as head of the Internal Revenue Department.

OKLAHOMA, Nov. 16.—The United States Supreme Court has decided that Guthrie shall be the capital of the State.

Lords and Commons Clash.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—A bill to take the veto power away from the House of Lords, passed the first reading yesterday. It is expected to quickly pass the second reading. The King has summoned the privy council to consider the creation of new peers to support measures of reform. The King is thus taking sides against the Lords in the present controversy with the House of Commons.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—A crisis is pending over the veto power of the House of Lords.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—A severe shock of earthquake was registered by the scientific instruments here yesterday.

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Nov. 17.—The first division of the American battleship fleet arrived here today.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Berkeley, Oakland and Alameda, California, show great increases in population. Berkeley has a population of 40,434, an increase of over 200 per cent. Oakland has an increase of 124 per cent.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The sailors belonging to the American battleship fleet, were given a royal welcome here today.

DENVER, Nov. 18.—Johnstone, the man who made the altitude record here a few days ago, was dashed to death yesterday, while attempting some of his sensational bird dips for which he was famous. Ghoulis mutilated the body attempting to secure souvenirs.

HONOLULU, Nov. 17.—Joshua Tullian has been sentenced to four years in jail for sending scurrilous telephone messages to several well known Honolulu ladies.

The first shipment of this season's cotton crop will occur shortly. The planters have finished up their work. Tonight there will be a banquet, and private theatricals by members of the Howard company.

Libby, McNeal & Libby have bought the Hawaiian Pineapple Company, owned by McFarlane. They have contracted with James B. Castle to take his entire crop.

Strike On the Canal.

COLON, Nov. 18.—Taft has sailed from here for Guantanamo. While here he met representatives of the boiler makers union, who demanded higher wages. Mr. Taft asked for time to consider the merit of the demands. They refused, and demanded an immediate answer. He thereupon declined to recommend any increase in wages. The men have gone on strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—An issue of bonds to the amount of \$5,000,000 has been authorized for the Panama Exposition in 1915.

PANAMA, Nov. 16.—Officials in charge of the Panama Canal have informed President Taft that the canal will be completed by 1915.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—In an editorial in the Outlook Roosevelt says his views as expressed by him in his speech at Osawatomie are unchanged.

HONOLULU, Nov. 18.—The planters had a banquet at the Young Hotel last night, followed by private theatricals. Members of the Howard Company, and individuals from the other theatres took part. The planters resumed their business session this morning.

It has been definitely decided that there shall be no more forts on Waikiki beach.

A 100,000 club has been inaugurated here headed by Governor Frear.

Sugar stocks have taken a jump downward all along the line. McBryde selling at \$3.75, Honokaa \$13.75, Oahu \$25.00, Waialua \$90.00.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Batteries D and E First Field Artillery and eight companies Second Infantry are coming to Hawaii and will be stationed at Schofield Barracks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Congressman Baker, Democrat, has been elected by a majority of 124.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Gov. Gillett has called together a committee to discuss affairs of importance.

LEONE, Nicaragua, Nov. 18.—The leaders in the anti-American riots have been ordered out of the country.

Commercial Happenings

Racy News From the Capitol Regarding Sugar Stock.

By L. D. Timmons.

Honolulu, Nov. 15.

Yesterday afternoon New York reported over the cable an advance of four points in raws, the quotation proceeding from 3.86 to 3.90. This rise would be gratifying and under ordinary circumstances might be encouraging; but keen observers know that it is the merest flurry, caused perhaps, by some large concern having to buy in a pinch on the open market. The next quotation may show a further slight advance, or there may be a drop—depending altogether upon emergency buying in and around New York, or the ability of manufacturers and dealers to get through the holiday business without making large purchases. The European beet situation remains unchanged, and Cuba will be able to deliver all the sugar predicted for her.

SALES OF MAUI STOCKS.

During the week ending with today, 85 shares of Pioneer have been sold. Of these shares 10 changed hands last Thursday at \$184.50, the total of the transaction being \$1845. After that deal Pioneer continued to sag until yesterday when 75 shares sold at \$180, the total of this transaction being \$15,350. At the present writing Pioneer can easily be purchased at \$180, while holders are asking only \$183.50.

In the meanwhile, conditions at Pioneer remain very nearly perfect and a record crop for next year is now pretty well assured.

HAWAIIAN COMMERCIAL.

During the week under review 695 shares Hawaiian Commercial sold, the total value being \$23,765. These sales started at \$34.50, but the price dropped on Saturday to \$34 and there it has stuck. Yesterday 175 shares sold on the latter basis. Hawaiian Commercial is now \$33.50 bid and \$34.25 asked, the lowest since the heavy slump about two months ago.

OTHER MAUI STOCKS.

During the week 2000 Pioneer six per cent bonds sold at \$101.75, but there was absolutely no dallying in stocks. Paia and Haiku are both offered at \$150, with no takers. Wailuku and Olowalu are again out of the market.

STOCKS OTHER THAN MAUI.

Oahu stock has dropped a clean three quarters since last report and may now be easily had at \$26. It is now conceded that the prediction of over a month ago that Oahu would drop to \$24.25 was not far wrong, and indications now are that \$23.625 will be nearer the mark. Ewa is off a half or more. A week ago it was \$28.75 bid and \$29.50; today the figures are \$28.25 and \$28.50. Waialua as late as last Wednesday was \$100 bid and \$102.50 asked; today it is \$96 bid and \$100 asked. Olaa and McBryde are both down to \$4 bid and \$4.50 asked, while Honokaa is to be had around \$13.375. Hutchinson looked up a little as a result of the big Kau ditch discussion and sold at \$17, but is now offered at \$16 on an uninterested market.

DIVIDENDS PAID.

Last Thursday Wailuku Sugar Company paid a dividend of \$1.50 a share, or a total sum of \$45,000. On the same date Paauhau and

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North Pole a Mystery

Danish Explorer Says Neither Peary Nor Cook Reached It

"Neither Peary nor Cook has a shadow of truth in his claims."

"No living explorer nor Esquimaux has been within 100 miles of the North Pole."

This is the startling conclusion reached by Knud Rasmussen, say missionaries to Greenland, who have returned to Europe. The missionaries, who are deemed religious and reliable, say, too, that they bring details of Rasmussen's cross examination of the two Esquimaux, Ah-weloh and Eturishuk, upon whose testimony Doctor Cook relied for corroboration of his claim that he reached the North Pole.

After closely questioning these two and other Esquimaux, Rasmussen is absolutely certain that the pole is still unconquered.

Rasmussen, an experienced Arctic explorer, is the Danish inspector of Greenland. His mother was an Esquimaux, his father a Dane. Whatever Rasmussen says about Arctic exploration is accepted with the greatest faith here. He was a partisan of Doctor Cook at one time. So, if the missionaries quote him correctly, his report will reopen the entire Polar controversy.

Col. Roosevelt at the Arena.

A lady who heard Mr. Roosevelt at a recent Boston meeting says that she came away with an entirely different impression of him than she had had till then. She always admired him, though her husband had given a somewhat reluctant consent to her enthusiasm. They both came out of the Boston Arena, however, with the same word on their lips as best describing the rough riding colonel, hero of a hundred battlefields of wordy warfare. "He seems to me such a thoughtful man," she said. This is the chief impression he makes; that he had thought out deeply all he says, that he really believes it is all true, and that the conviction won through his own earnest thinking is what makes his words carry such weight. There is nothing of the boastful egotist about him, from this hearer's point of view. Compared with the other speakers, men trained to oratorical flights, he is simple, straightforward, unassuming, modest. But he is tremendously sure that what he thinks is right. He is so clear in his own thought that he waits to choose exactly the right word, instead of pouring out indiscriminate vocabularies that sound well. After he has hesitated and waited for his word an appreciable length of time he sometimes repeats it four or five times. He has got it, the word which says exactly what he means, and he hammers it into the audience as if so to find entrance for his burning thought.

But the one word which this lady best appreciated, and which went home straight to her own heart and convictions, came in the colonel's opening phrase. The other speakers had begun, "Gentlemen," but the man who is all things to all men, that he may win them for rightness—Teddy to the masses and America's honored first citizen to the monarchs of the old world—began his Boston address thus: "Men and women of Massachusetts."

There was a fine lunar rainbow Thursday evening.